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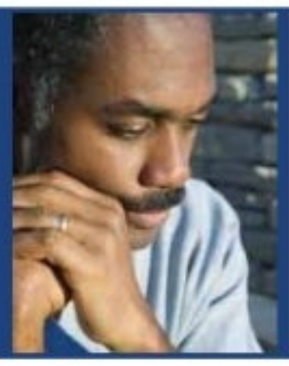

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From lovable backstop to Phillies' centerpiece

Once an afterthought, Carlos Ruiz is now a cog in the middle of teams' lineup Team may be disappointing, but Chooch still shining bright And he needs your All-Star votes

There was a time when Carlos Ruiz was all glove. During the championship season in 2008, Chooch was nothing special at the plate with a .219 average. However, he was exceptional behind the plate calling games and blocking closer Brad Lidge's explosive slider.

"The reason I could throw that pitch was because of Chooch," Lidge said. "Not every catcher can deal with that. But it's not just defense with Chooch, he has developed into a serious hitter."

Ruiz first emerged as an offensive force in 2009.

"He [Ruiz] came up with some clutch hits," Yankee manager Joe Girardi said during spring training when reflecting on the 2009 World Series. "I don't like to see him come up to the plate."

Ruiz worked hard on the offensive side of his game and he posted solid numbers in recent seasons. Ruiz hit .302 in 2010 and posted a .371 OBP in 2011.

"I take pride in hitting," Ruiz said. "It's not all about defense. You have to try your best at all sides of the game. I don't want to be one type of player. I want to help with the bat."

With the Phillies missing the meat of their order this season, they needed a regular to step up and that's been Ruiz. He's hitting .354 (third in the NL) with nine home runs and 39 RBIs and leads the power-starved team in slugging (.561) and OPS (.983).

"We need to be as productive as possible," Ruiz said. "So every time I bat, I try to do something. It's not easy without those guys [Chase Utley, Ryan Howard]. Someone has to do something while they're out. We're all trying. I'm just trying to do what I can."

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▶ Rollins knows who's driving him in these days.

Ruiz has played well enough to earn a slot in his first All-Star game. However, he sits third in the voting behind Buster Posey and Yadier Molina. Barring a strong finish from Phillies fans, Ruiz will have to settle for a reserve spot.

"I think he deserves plenty of consideration for the All-Star game," Pirates pitcher Jeff Karstens said. "It's not just for what he's doing this season, but what he's done for years. He's developed into a phenomenal player."

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By the numbers

1st

Ruiz' rank in National League batting, at .361 before last night's game.

3rd

Ruiz's rank in vote-getters among NL catchers, trailing Buster Posey and Yadier Molina. His 2.3 million votes does oddly rank 10th overall among all NL players.

In the news

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Kilos of heroin allegedly smuggled into the country from the Dominican Republic by seven men charged in a Philadelphia-based narcotics ring. Federal officials yesterday charged the Castillo Drug Smuggling Organization, which operated from 2010 to March 2012. METRO

In the news

Bulletproof Pets
PSPCA Humane law enforcement officers will today receive bulletproof vests financed by the Pet Support Phashion Charity Affair's inaugural dog fashion show, "Pets in the City," held last November. During the ceremony in Rittenhouse Square, District Attorney Seth Williams will announce his new role as honorary chairman of the Phashion Charity Affair.

In baseball lingo, Chooch now translates to respect

Carlos Ruiz might not score enough votes to become the starting catcher for the National League All-Star team, but he has earned respect around the league.

Pirates manager Clint Hurdle tipped his cap to Ruiz after Chooch went 3-for-5 against Pittsburgh on Monday night.

"When he lined out we were high-fiving each other in the dugout," Hurdle said. "We cheered whenever he made an out because he's one of the hottest hitters in the game. It's fun to watch him. He takes such pride in his game. He stops the running game with such a quick release. He has one of the strongest arms in the game and blocks the plate well and now his bat. I have to say the Phillies made quite a commitment to him and he has done the same. He's tremendous."

The Nationals' Mike Morse agrees.

"He's as good as it gets," Morse said. "I didn't have to have [former Nats reliever] Brad Lidge tell me that. He just plays the game the way it should be played." METRO/SDL

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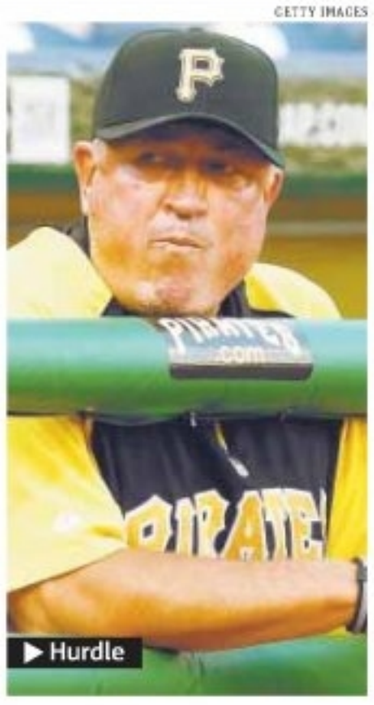

▶ Hurdle

From short, thin to built like a 'man-hole cover'

It wasn't the first time Carlos Ruiz stroked a hard hit ball off Jeff Karstens when they squared off Monday night.

The Bucs pitcher recalls facing Ruiz when they were in the minor leagues.

"I remember him breaking a bat [when Ruiz was at the plate] and the bat hit his face," Karstens said. "I remember back then [2005] he was pretty good around the plate, but what he's doing now is pretty unreal. He obviously kept working at the offensive side of the ball and he has been outstanding."

"I'm impressed, especially when I think about this short, thin guy and what he became physically."
KARSTENS

Pirates skipper Clint Hurdle had an apt description of the new Ruiz.

"He was kind of slight when he came up," Hurdle said. "Now he's built like a man-hole cover, who can block the plate and well, do it all." METRO

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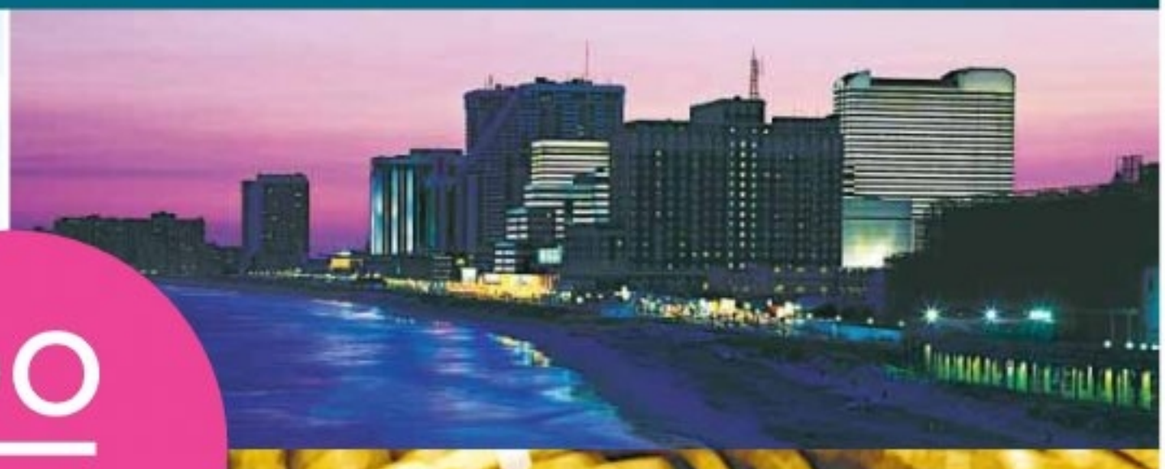

DO AC

Famous pizzeria burns, but will reopen

- Fire inside Lorenzo and Sons likely started in exhaust system
- Firefighter injured in the blaze

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▶ Firefighters took an hour to extinguish the blaze.

A crowd gathered outside Lorenzo and Sons Pizza yesterday to mourn a South Street landmark consumed by a blaze that burned for more than an hour.

Owner Giuseppe Pulizzi was at the bank making a deposit when he heard the news. "I just got a phone call," he said as he watched firefighters file out of the smoking shell. The shop's blackened interior could be seen from the street through several large openings cut in the facade, beheading a mural of namesake Lorenzo.

"A worker called me saying there was smoke coming from the exhaust," Pulizzi said. "He tried putting it out with a fire extinguisher, but black smoke kept coming out."

Pulizzi said his first fear was for his dog on the second floor. "I ran up, got the dog out, grabbed a T-shirt and put it over my face," he said. By then, the smoke had become overwhelming. "A firefighter told me to evacuate the building and get everyone out."

A mainstay since 1988, the takeout joint is famous — or infamous, depending on who you ask — for its gargantuan slices and rigid rules under which toppings are forbidden, bathrooms are for employees and boxes cost 25 cents.

Open until 4 a.m. on the weekend, the line often wraps around the block after bars let out and flood the streets with hungry hordes.

"I've been going there for 15 years," said Tina DeCarlo, who works nearby. "I'm bummed. Where else am I gonna get pizza at 2 a.m.?"

But late-night slice lovers can rest easy. Though Pulizzi was not yet allowed inside to assess the damage yesterday afternoon, he said Lorenzo's will reopen regardless. "That's not an issue," he said. "We'll do it as soon as possible — we've got a lot of loyal customers."

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On Twitter

- **@joey_cranney** Somebody tried to order a pepperoni slice at Lorenzo's and all hell broke loose.
- **@TeddyUnleaded** The 19-year-old-piss-drunk at 2am version of me is completely demoralized that Lorenzo's burned down.
- **@mkearsing** Some sweet pizza humor: Authorities say that the fire was so large, they had to fold it in half.
- **@DJADUB** Finally my Lorenzo's pizza won't be all doughy. I hear they are finally cooking them all the way thru today
- **@amandaelsewhere** Lorenzo's is burning! Burning! What a world, what a world! Who could destroy the beautiful wickedness!?

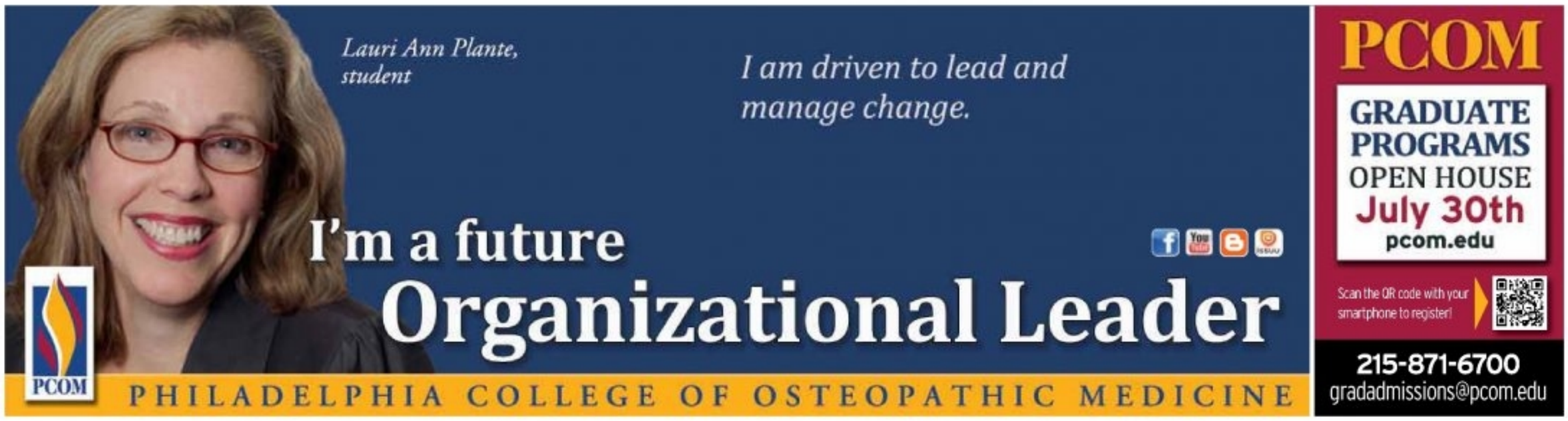
Quoted

"Anytime I hit up South Street at night, I stop in. I guess I'm not getting pizza today."
MARK DIGIAMBATTISTA

Lorenzo's mural cut to access fire

Deputy Fire Chief Joseph McGraw said 65 firefighters and emergency medical services workers responded to the call shortly before 10:30 a.m. Flames inside the three-story building, which also houses several apartments, was extinguished at 11:45 a.m. One firefighter suffered a non-life-threatening injury to his left knee and was treated at Hahnemann University Hospital.

"The building was difficult to ventilate," McGraw said. "There's no access from the rear and no vents in the front. We had to cut a hole in the roof to get the fire under control."



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▶ Wildwood Beach in New Jersey was given only three stars.

Delaware's Dewey Beach honored, but Jersey left out

Just in time for the Fourth of July holiday, a new report has been released listing the country's cleanest beaches and it includes two shore points in the region.

Dewey Beach in Delaware and Ocean City Beach 6 in Maryland were among 12 beaches that received five stars — the highest possible rating from the Natural Resource Defense Council, an international environmental organization. The report evaluated a total of 200 beaches based on water quality, testing and public notification.

New Jersey did not register any five-star beaches. Its highest-graded beach was Belmar in Monmouth, which received four stars, while Wildwood seashores got only three stars.

Overall, the report found that last year the country's beaches had the third-highest number of closings and advisory days in 22 years due to stormwater runoff and sewage pollution.

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Delaware ranked first out of 30 states for beach water quality in 2011, with 1 percent of samples exceeding national safety standards.

Attacks on SEPTA drivers part of odd crime trend

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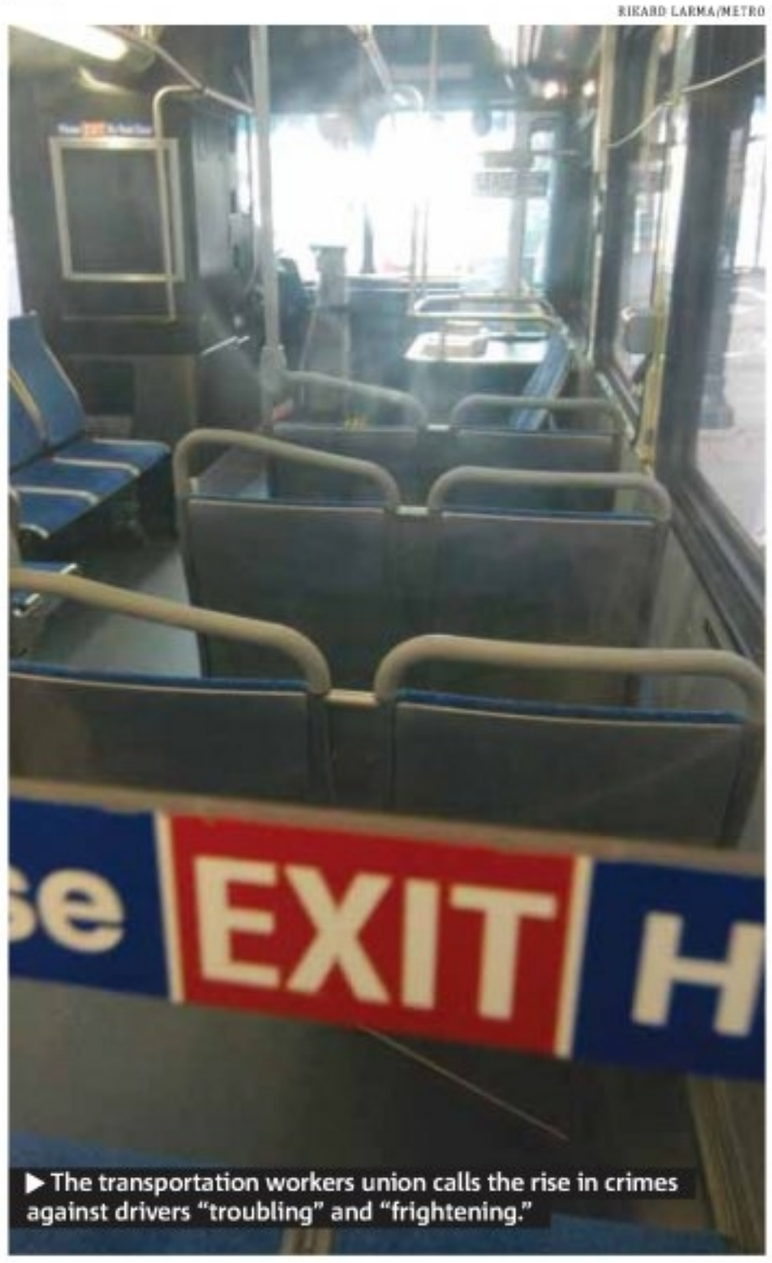

▶ The transportation workers union calls the rise in crimes against drivers "troubling" and "frightening."

- Assaults could reach triple digits this year after 91 incidents in 2011
- Tougher penalties stall in Senate

48 Attacks on SEPTA transit operators after yesterday's assault, according to the workers' union.

91 Attacks on SEPTA transit operators in 2011, prompting state lawmakers to introduce legislation for longer prison sentences.

For the second time in two weeks, Philadelphia police have made an arrest for a random attack aboard a SEPTA bus.

The attack yesterday involved the operator of a Route 33 bus and it happened near Independence Mall shortly before 10 a.m. Police said a man boarded the bus, mumbled something in the driver's ear and then began choking him. The driver was able to put the bus in park while two passengers quickly came to his aide and subdued the suspect.

When police arrived, the suspect allegedly punched and kicked officers. Robert Moore III, 32, of the 7300 block of North Granite Street, was charged with aggravated assault, causing/risking a catastrophe, simple assault, resisting arrest and related offenses. Police said they recovered a knife from Moore, but it was not used in the attack.

The operator was taken to a nearby hospital for evaluation, but was not seriously injured.

The attack marks the 48th operator assaulted this year, up from 45 assaults this time a year ago, SEPTA said. In 2011, a total of 91 operators were assaulted, officials said.

"If it continues at the rate that it's going, we're going to have close to 100," said John Johnson Jr., president of Transport Workers Union Local 234. "It's troubling and it's frightening."

The random attacks have not been confined to operators. Last week, police arrested 49-year-old Cassie Darby for a May 31 attack on a 35-year-old passenger.

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Limited tickets left for 2013 US Open

MONTGOMERY COUNTY. "Grounds" tickets for all four rounds of the 2013 U.S. Open at Merion Golf Club in Ardmore next June 13-16 are sold out, the U.S. Golf Association said yesterday.

Limited numbers of more expensive tickets do remain as well as practice round tickets for earlier in the week are still be available.

For more information about pricing, ticket options, and to purchase tickets online while supplies last, visit www.usopen.com or www.usga.org./tickets.

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Burned, bound body identified

NORTHEAST PHILADELPHIA. Investigators yesterday identified the burning body found tied to a fence post in Crescentville early Tuesday morning as Angel Marrero-Padilla of the 2900 block of Boudinot Street in Kensington.

Autopsy results revealed that Padilla, 21, died of blunt force trauma to the head prior to the fire. The medical examiner found no signs of smoke inhalation, nor any other evidence to suggest that he was alive when his body was ignited.

Firefighters discovered Padilla in a wooded area shortly before 1 a.m. Tuesday morning while responding to what they initially thought was a trash fire. METRO/AW

Movies begin at the Race Street Pier

PENNS LANDING. The Race Street Pier will begin hosting free outdoor movie screenings on Saturdays, the Delaware River Waterfront Corp. announced.

DRWC, in partnership with The Awesome Fest, is organizing the events. They will be independent features and run through the last Saturday in August.

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Queen shakes hand of former terror leader

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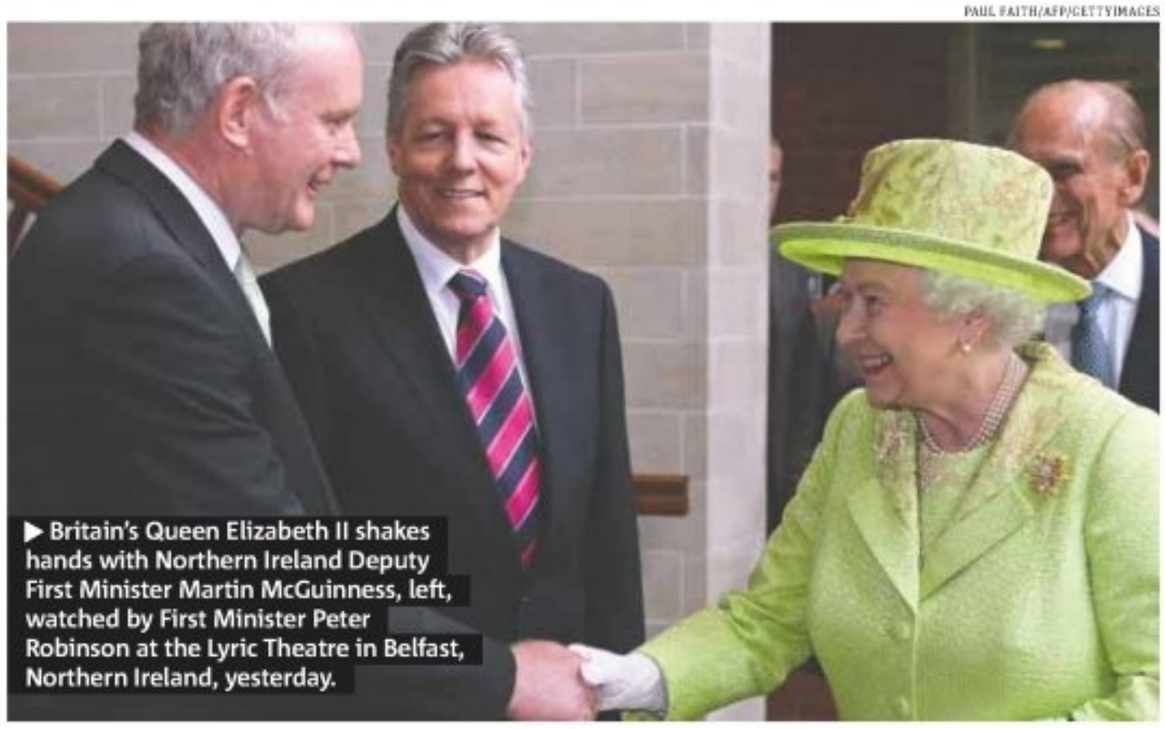

▶ Britain's Queen Elizabeth II shakes hands with Northern Ireland Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness, left, watched by First Minister Peter Robinson at the Lyric Theatre in Belfast, Northern Ireland, yesterday.

Britain's Queen Elizabeth shook the hand of former IRA guerrilla commander Martin McGuinness for the first time yesterday, drawing a line under a conflict that cost the lives of thousands of soldiers and civilians, including that of her cousin.

The meeting with McGuinness, who is now the deputy first minister of Northern Ireland, comes 14 years after the Irish Republican Army ended its war against British rule in the province, and is one of the last big milestones in a peace process whose success has been studied around the world.

The queen met McGuinness, Northern Ireland's Unionist first minister Peter Robinson and Irish President Michael D.Higgins for fewer than 10 minutes behind closed doors in a theater in a leafy suburb of Belfast cordoned off by hundreds of police.

"Today is a huge event and it is, in a sense, the ultimate handshake."
JOHN REID, BRITISH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND FROM 2001 TO 2002, TOLD THE BBC

McGuinness shook the gloved hand of the queen a second time as she left the theater, this time in front of television cameras — but unlike other guests, he chose not to bow his head.

The queen's bright green outfit appeared to have been chosen with Ireland's national color in mind, and McGuinness wished a smiling monarch well in Irish, saying "slan agus beannacht," which he told her means "goodbye and Godspeed."

There has been scattered opposition to the gesture of reconciliation from dissident Irish militants and from some of the IRA's victims. But the vast majority of the province's politicians backed the meeting, the first between the queen and a top member of the IRA or its former political wing, Sinn Fein.

"Today is a huge event and it is, in a sense, the ultimate handshake," John Reid, British secretary of state for Northern Ireland from 2001 to 2002, told the BBC. **REUTERS**

Microsoft attack puts spotlight on Greek tensions

ATHENS. Gunmen driving a van packed with gas canisters firebombed the Athens headquarters of Microsoft yesterday, underscoring the threat of instability as Greece asks for more time and less hardship in cutting its crippling debt.

Fire gutted the ground floor of the blue, four-story HQ of the U.S. software giant, blackening its walls with flames, on the eve of yet another European summit seeking a solution to a regional debt crisis first unleashed by Greece.

At least two attackers were involved in the sophisticated assault at 4:45 a.m. in Maroussi, a northern suburb of the sprawling Greek capital, police said.

Brandishing pistols and an automatic rifle, they kept security guards at bay and set fire to the van carrying three gas canisters and five cans of gasoline. No one was hurt in the early morning assault. **REUTERS**

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Russia outraged at US bill

MOSCOW. Moscow expressed outrage yesterday over a U.S. Senate panel's approval of a bill that would penalize Russian officials for human rights abuses and warned Washington that adoption of the sanctions would force Russia to respond in kind.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee passed the "Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act," named after a Russian anti-corruption lawyer whose death in 2009 while in pre-trial detention drew widespread condemnation.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton downplayed the risk to relations with Moscow.

The bill would deny visas and freeze the assets of Russians suspected of involvement in his death. **REUTERS**

Google unveils tablet, sets Kindle squarely in its sights

SAN FRANCISCO. Google Inc. took the wraps off its first tablet computer yesterday, looking to replicate its smartphone success in the tablet market despite tough competition.

The Nexus 7 tablet, built by and co-branded with Taiwan's Asus, will begin selling for as low as $199 on the Google Play website and apps store from around mid-July.

At 7 inches and $199, the device takes aim initially at the Kindle model, which analysts consider a window into Amazon.com's trove of online content.

Google can similarly use the Nexus 7 to connect to its own offerings, YouTube and Google Play. **REUTERS**

Not all of Wall Street 'friending' Facebook

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▶ Analysts expect Facebook's user base to help it corner a substantial share of the Internet advertising market.

The financial houses behind Silicon Valley's largest-ever coming-out party kicked off formal coverage of the company yesterday by warning about an uncertain business model, margin pressures and a difficult transition to mobile technology.

The reports, released by banks involved in the IPO after a 40-day quiet period expired, represent Wall Street's broadest assessment of the first U.S. company to debut with a market value of more than $100 billion.

Morgan Stanley and other major brokerages that handled the blockbuster IPO said it remained unclear how Facebook plans to make money from a growing number of users logging on to the No. 1 social network via smartphones and tablets. That helped send its shares down 3 percent.

Of the 17 brokerages that handled the blockbuster IPO and kicked off coverage of the social networking company yesterday, eight recommended against buying into the shares. Two of Facebook's three lead underwriters — Goldman Sachs and JP Morgan — were most bullish, targeting Facebook shares at $45 and $42, respectively.

Morgan Stanley, which has come under scrutiny for its role in driving a $38 IPO price that now appears lofty to some, stuck to a price target that matched its debut level and "overweight" recommendation.

The average of target prices cited on Wednesday was $37.64 — a tad below Facebook's stock market debut price. **REUTERS**

How lofty?

- Banks are required to keep their employees handling IPOs apart from analysts recommending stocks in order to avoid conflicts of interest.
- In the IPO, banks sold their clients shares of eight-year-old Facebook, started by Mark Zuckerberg in his Harvard dorm room, at a price equivalent to a whopping 100 times 2011 net income per share.
- Most analysts expect Facebook's large user base to help it corner a substantial share of the Internet advertising market in the long term.
- The ratings released yesterday were "hold" and its equivalent or lower.

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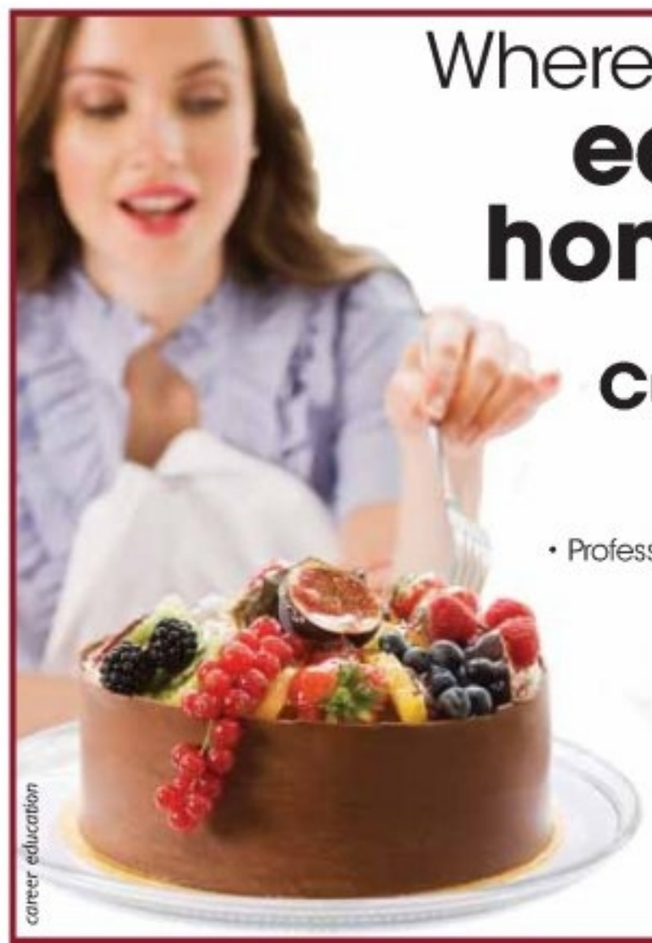
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Chicago may decriminalize carrying small amounts of pot

The Chicago City Council yesterday voted to decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana, the latest U.S. city to support diminished penalties for the drug's use.

Under the proposal, police officers in the nation's third-largest city would be able to issue a written violation for possession of 15 grams or less rather than make an arrest.

Supporters of the ordinance, including Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, said the measure would help raise revenue for the city, save money and free up police to pursue more serious crimes.

More than a dozen states and several large U.S. cities have already taken similar steps.

Chicago Police Department statistics indicate that last year there were 18,298 arrests for possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana, according to a statement from the mayor's office. Each case involves approximately four officers — two arresting and two transporting officers — and places an additional burden on the Cook County court and jail system, the statement said.

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The issue of freeing up police officers for more serious crimes is particularly pressing this year in Chicago, which has seen a 37 percent spike in its murder rate.

Other cities with similar policies include Seattle, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. **REUTERS**

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▶ Opponents of decriminalization say it condones drug use and results in a lost opportunity for intervention to stop it.

News in brief

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▶ McNamee

Clemens' ex-trainer to pursue lawsuit

NEW YORK. A trainer who testified that he injected Roger Clemens with performance-enhancing drugs intends to proceed with a defamation lawsuit against the baseball legend despite Clemens' recent acquittal on perjury charges, his lawyer said yesterday after a court hearing in Brooklyn.

Brian McNamee filed the civil lawsuit in 2009, seeking an unspecified amount in monetary damages from Clemens, who he trained with during stints at the Toronto Blue Jays and the New York Yankees. McNamee said his life has been ruined by interviews in which Clemens and his lawyers said he was "off the deep end" and trying to "shake [Clemens] down" with "totally false" statements. **REUTERS**

T-Mobile USA CEO quits two years in

NEW YORK. Barely two years after signing on as chief executive with T-Mobile USA, Philipp Humm is leaving the company and will be succeeded on an interim basis by Jim Alling.

T-Mobile USA, owned by German parent Deutsche Telekom, said yesterday that Humm was leaving for personal reasons to spend more time with his family — echoing the statement released in May 2010 when Robert Dotson announced he would be leaving and that Humm would take over. **REUTERS**

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Wikipedia boss leads effort to save hacker

Jimmy Wales is demanding that the U.K. government stop the extradition of a British student to the U.S. on Internet copyright charges. The Wikipedia founder launched an online petition to support Richard O'Dwyer; it gained more than 75,000 signatures in two days.

The 45-year-old claims the case is a "battle between the content industry and the interests of the general public." It marks a return to activism after Wales successfully campaigned against the SOPA and PIPA copyright bills this year, and took Wikipedia offline in protest.

Student O'Dwyer, 24, is fighting extradition to the U.S. for alleged copyright infringement, which carries a maximum 10-year jail term. In 2007, he established a website providing free links to pirated films and TV shows, and sold advertising worth $140,000 according to U.S. prosecutors.

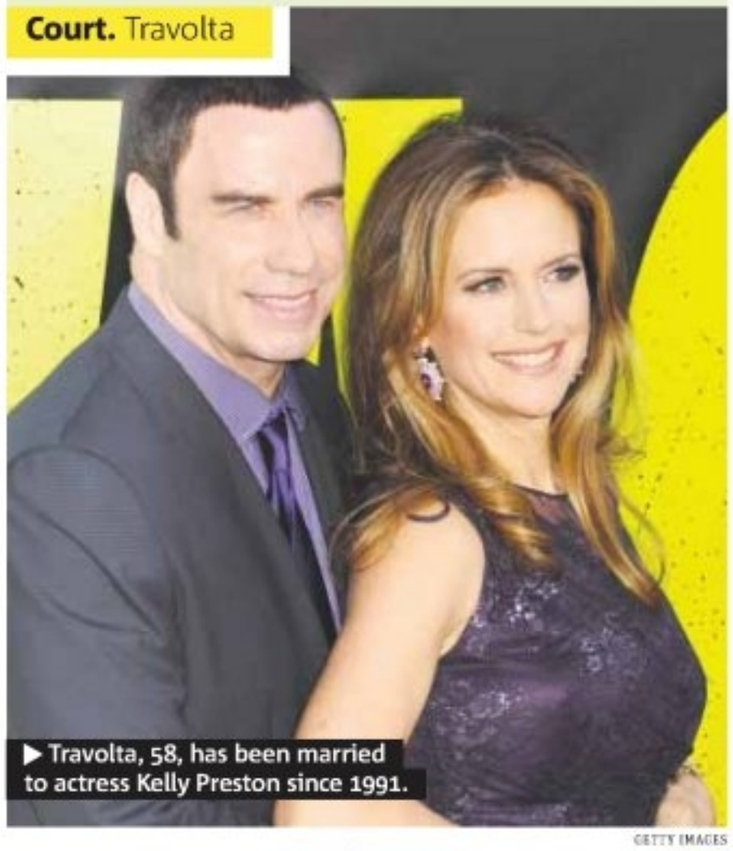
▶ Wales

It is unclear whether linking to copyright material is an offense under British law. "The courts are struggling with this as the line is blurred," copyright lawyer Kim Walker of Pinsent Masons told Metro. "Yahoo and Google also provide links to infringing material, and this is accepted. With [O'Dwyer], the U.S. is making a point to scare off others."

Jim Killock, director of Open Rights Group, which represents digital consumer rights, told Metro that the case "opens a black hole. The U.S. has too much power to extradite and prosecute whoever it decides. This goes beyond heavy-handed; naive young people are being treated like international gangsters."

In addition to Wales, O'Dwyer has growing support from MPs and human rights groups, who are calling for him to be tried in the U.K. In 2008, a similar campaign was able to prevent the extradition of Gary McKinnon, a hacker suffering with Asperger's syndrome. O'Dwyer will face a final decision at the U.K. High Court later this year, and activists have vowed to keep pressure on the British government. MWN

Court. Travolta


▶ Travolta, 58, has been married to actress Kelly Preston since 1991.

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Travolta sued after gay claims

Robert Randolph, who wrote a book about his alleged gay encounters with John Travolta, has filed a libel lawsuit against the actor and his attorney, claiming they spread false statements about his mental health in 2010 in a bid to dissuade the public from buying his planned book. REUTERS

New theory says dinosaurs not cold-blooded

A closer look at modern-day mammals has led scientists to conclude that dinosaurs were warm-blooded, in a serendipitous finding that demolishes the main argument that the creatures were giant, cold-blooded reptiles.

In a study that started as a way of learning more about the bones of mammals, researchers found that the same skeletal markings seen on dinosaurs also appeared on large ruminant animals, such as deer. Called lines of arrested growth, the markers indicate rain and supply of food and water, rather than external temperature, according to the research published yesterday in the journal Nature. BLOOMBERG

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Nora Ephron, remembered

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▶ Ephron died Tuesday at the age of 71.

After a long and successful career as a writer and director, **Nora Ephron** died Tuesday of complications from acute myeloid leukemia. Not surprisingly, the woman behind classics such as "When Harry Met Sally" and "Sleepless in Seattle" is being remembered fondly by her colleagues in Hollywood:

"She was the one you wanted to read, to listen to, to be in the company of. Nora Ephron: Incomparable wit; delightful friend. Sadness reigns."
STEVE MARTIN

"I am very sad to learn of Nora's passing. She was a brilliant writer and humorist. Being her Harry to Meg's Sally will always have a special place in my heart. I was very lucky to get to say her words."
BILLY CRYSTAL

"I was lucky enough to dine with Nora Ephron. She made me laugh so hard I laughed again just thinking about it."
JIMMY KIMMEL

"In a world where we're told that you can't have it all, Nora consistently proved that adage wrong. A writer, director, wife, mother, chef, wit — there didn't seem to be anything she couldn't do. And not just do it, but excel at it, revolutionize it."
CARRIE FISHER

"At a dinner table and on a film set, she lifted us all with wisdom and wit mixed with love for us and love for life. Rita and I are so very sad to lose our friend who brought so much joy to all who were lucky enough to know her."
TOM HANKS

Charlie Sheen, you win this time

Reports that **Charlie Sheen** expertly, enthusiastically dismantled another Ritz-Carlton hotel room don't seem to be holding up. While UsMagazine.com claims that the actor trashed his suite during a weekend-long party in New York with ex-wife **Denise Richards** — which he actually famously did do in 2011 — his reps and hotel employees are denying he was anything but a well-behaved guest.

TMZ obtained a copy of the itemized bill — why yes, we did feel creepy reading it — and Sheen's version might hold up: Your mom could do more damage to the mini-bar, and we're pretty sure dry-cleaning isn't a concern when there are coke-dusted porn stars to attend to.

Paula Deen lightening it up

Congratulations are in order for **Paula Deen**, who appears on the cover of the new People magazine 30 pounds thinner. "It took me a couple of years to get to this point. If you make a few small changes, they can add up to big results," says the chef, who has type 2 diabetes.

Paula, it is better to have loved and lost your buttercake than to have never licked it off the counter at all. Well done.

Depp split getting messy

Johnny Depp recently bought **Amber Heard** a horse, but he may have been spending some extracurricular time with his former "Rum Diary" co-star before leaving longtime partner **Vanessa Paradis**. "He's smitten by her. They started sleeping together during the press tour," a source tells Us Weekly. As for Paradis, she wasn't amused — a source heard her scream, "If I see her, I'll drown her!"

Noted, Vanessa. And with that, we are officially done talking about your split. No hard feelings?

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

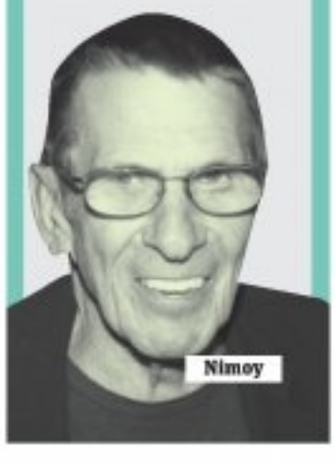
Today, John Stamos is a Beach Boy, Leonard Nimoy is feeling poetic, Chris Colfer is getting some odd notions and Sarah Silverman is not getting enough sleep.

@JohnStamos: once again, al jardine can't keep his hands off my bongos.

@TheRealNimoy: Out of the night that covers me black as a pit from pole to pole I thank whatever Gods may be for my unconquerable soul.

@chriscolfer: Anyone else randomly have really political thoughts while cleaning their kitchen counters?

@SarahKSilverman: A drunken screaming fight outside my apt door is a delight to wake up to 2 hours before my alarm



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Talking points

Katy Perry making label plans

Katy Perry recently let slip her plans to start her own record label, though the announcement might have been a tad early. "I haven't finished it all up, so it's a bit premature, but really I would like to give the opportunity to other people who are frustrated, like what I went through," Perry tells Hollyscoop. "I think there are other people out there that are truly talented that have something to say, and their visions need to be realized and they need to be treated fairly."

▶ Perry

Johansson may be paid for nude pics

Scarlett Johansson could be compensated more than $66,000 for having nude photos leaked in 2011, according to the Los Angeles Times. Federal prosecutors suggest in a sentencing memo that Christopher Cheney, who pleaded guilty to nine counts of hacking, compensate some of his high-profile targets, including Johansson. They also suggest $7,500 for **Christina Aguilera** and $76,767.35 for "Secret Life of the American Teenager" star **Renee Olstead**. In addition, prosecutors are suggesting a 71-month prison sentence for Cheney.

John Travolta puts on a show

John Travolta made his first public appearance since being hit with sexual misconduct lawsuits from various service industry men, and it appears he decided actions would speak louder than words. Travolta hit the red carpet for the premiere of his latest film, Oliver Stone's "Savages," and instead of stopping to give any interviews, he and wife **Kelly Preston** put on an impressive show of public displays of affection, groping and kissing each other all the way down the carpet, according to Hollyscoop. The appearance came just hours after a male cruise ship employee filed a federal suit against Travolta.

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1 We'll stop running photos of **Andrew Garfield** and **Emma Stone** when they stop wearing pipe-cleaner glasses. The couple attended a fundraiser for the Worldwide Orphans Foundation, whose trademark bright blue glasses symbolize optimism for the charity's work.

2 **Jon Gosselin** was the guest speaker at GOP congressional candidate **Rabbi Shumuley Boteach**'s press conference on tax deductible marriage counseling yesterday. Seriously.

3 Why yes, **Kylie Minogue** does always look like a rock star. The singer was spotted at the Orly airport in Paris yesterday.

4 Cute dad alert: Actor **Chris Hemsworth** was out and about in London with newborn daughter India Rose.

5 **David Arquette** pulled some strings at the opening of Bootsy Bellows nightclub in Hollywood on Tuesday.

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Actually, many a potential audience member or offended citizen could stop after two, but all three are important to Miss Rose, the burlesque performer and producer who's behind the evening of books sans cover.

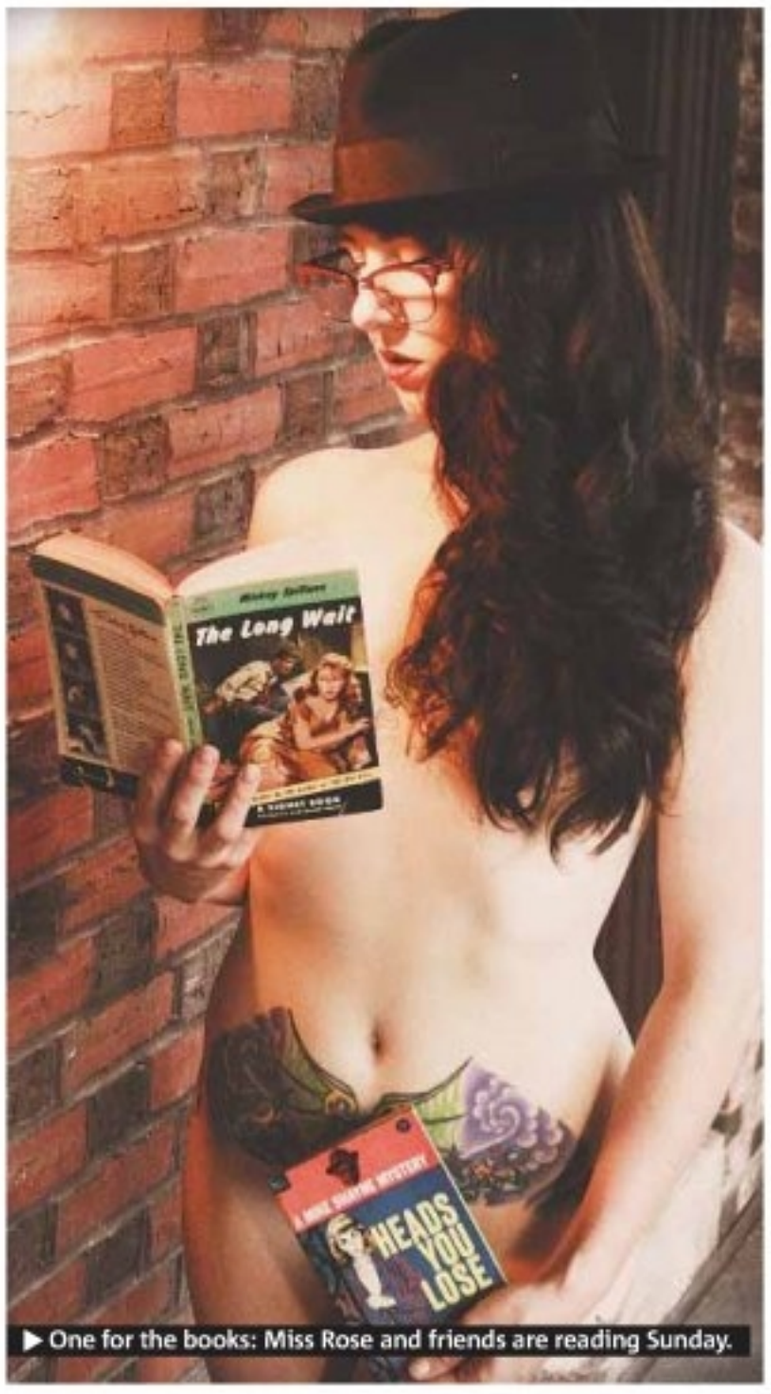
"The female form is beautiful and appreciated by all," she says. "More people should read. What better way to encourage an appreciation of the written word than by reciting it in the buff?"

Naked Girls Reading was started in Chicago in 2009, and chapters quickly sprang up in more than a dozen other cities. Miss Rose discovered the events and thought "it seemed like the perfect balance of brains and beauty."

Philly's inaugural edition will be "Pretty in Pulp," a selection of pulp fiction read by the unclad likes of Kiki Berlin, Miss Mary Wanna, Ruby Solitaire and the New York chapter's Nastie Canasta. "There's nothing quite as titillating as a detective approached in the night by a sultry stranger, only to be led into a deadly trap which he escapes by the skin of his teeth in a flurry of fisticuffs and passion," says Miss Rose, who's been known to wield a trench coat and magnifying glass in her own act. "Show me the man or woman who doesn't want to hear that tale read by a naked woman and I'll show you a person I never want to meet!"

Quoted

"More people should read. What better way to encourage an appreciation of the written word than by reciting it in the buff?" MISS ROSE



▶ One for the books: Miss Rose and friends are reading Sunday.

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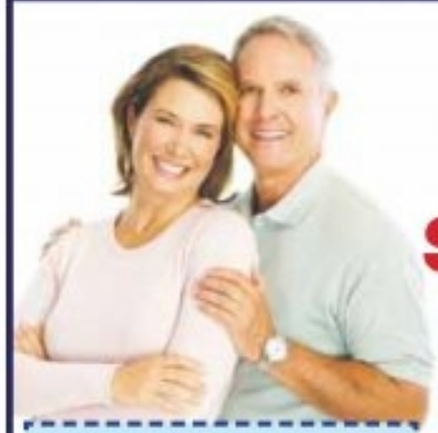

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Top 5 films

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▶ Just another day for Ted and John, walking around town.

Reasons to hit the movies this weekend

1 'Ted' We've all imagined that our favorite stuffed animal, action figure, or doll was real — for John Bennett (Mark Wahlberg), though, it's his daily reality. Writer, director and "Family Guy" creator Seth McFarlane voices Ted, a rude, crude teddy bear who refuses to leave John's side. Ever.

2 'People Like Us' Alex Kurtzman and Roberto Orci, the phenomenal pair of writers responsible for the screenplay of "Star Trek" and the TV show "Fringe," team up again for this movie about a salesman who discovers his long-lost sister. The movie features an all-star cast with the likes of Chris Pine, Elizabeth Banks, Olivia Wilde and Michelle Pfeiffer.

3 'Madea's Witness Protection' Madea's crazy life continues — first she had a family reunion, then she went to jail and now she's a part of a witness protection program. Madea must help the family of a Wall Street investment banker, played by Eugene Levy, who's been accused of creating a Ponzi scheme.

4 'Magic Mike' Sex sells and so does Channing Tatum in "Magic Mike," a movie inspired by the actor's life as an exotic dancer prior to the film business. In this Steven Soderbergh film, he's an expert stripper who takes a young man under his wing as his protege (Alex Pettyfer) — while simultaneously aspiring to become a small businessman.

5 'Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter' You thought you knew the history of America's 16th president — but never like this. From the New York Times best-selling author of "Pride and Prejudice and Zombies," this film brings every history student's nightmare to life. Watch as Abraham Lincoln fights to protect his country from blood-sucking demons. METRO

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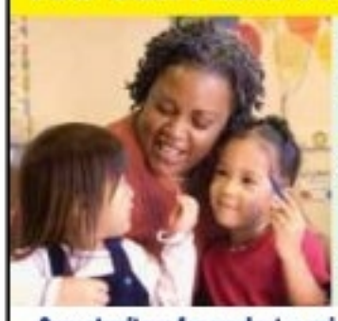

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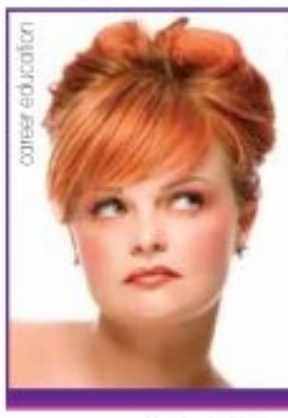

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CHARLIE SHEEN AS HIMSELF

A brief history on the actor's personal antics (and demons) seeping into his work

In the new FX comedy "Anger Management," Charlie Sheen steps into his first leading role post-"Two and a Half Men" meltdown. He plays a former major league ballplayer whose career was cut short due to his anger issues, leading to his new gig as a therapist specializing in anger management.

"Charlie [Goodson] thrives on chaos," the sitcom's press materials explain of Sheen's character. In the pilot, he sleeps with his therapist/best friend, and nearly beats a guy who gives his teenage daughter bad advice. Loose cannon? Definitely. Sound familiar? Absolutely.

But "Anger Management" is hardly the first role Sheen has taken that mines some of his personal exploits for inspiration. We run down his résumé for autobiographical cues.

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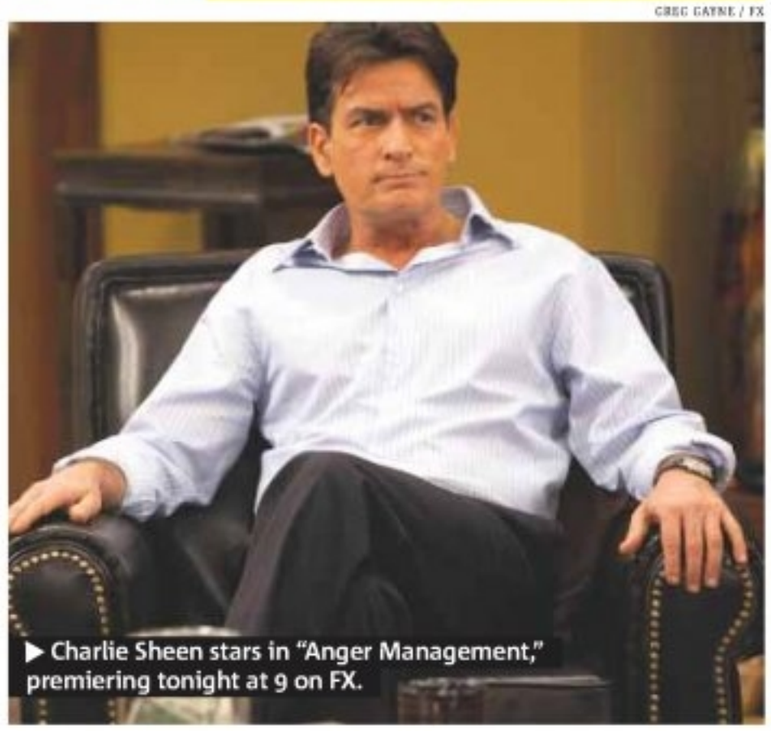

▶ Charlie Sheen stars in "Anger Management," premiering tonight at 9 on FX.

Time line

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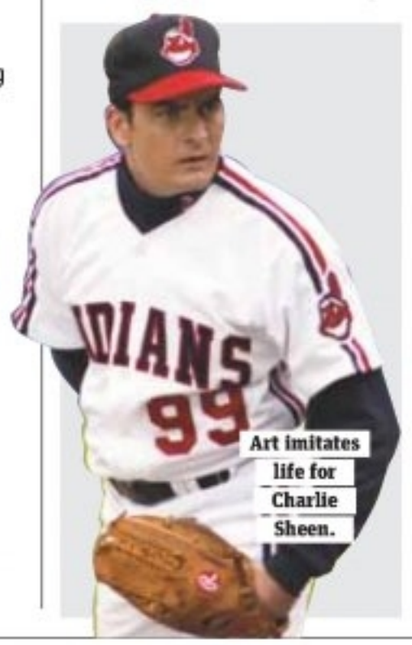
▶ Sheen in 1984

1986
'Ferris Bueller's Day Off': Boy in Police Station
Sheen plays a lout blitzed out of his mind who still manages to woo Ferris's sister while she's being questioned in the police station. The details are unconfirmed, but this may very well be how Sheen met his "goddesses."

1986
'Platoon': Chris
As the film's narrator, detailing the horrors witnessed while serving in the Vietnam War, Sheen's young recruit struggles with the gray area between what is morally right and wrong — perhaps the only time the hard-partying actor has actually contemplated such things.

1987
'Wall Street': Bud Fox
Bud is a stockbroker determined to make a name for himself by any means necessary. See: Sheen's "My Violent Torpedo of Truth/Defeat is Not An Option" tour.

1989
'Major League': Ricky "Wild Man" Vaughn
Sheen played baseball in high school; here he stars as a wild, wildly inaccurate pitcher who becomes an ace after the team's manager realizes he needs eyeglasses. Obviously, this is before Sheen knew he had "Adonis DNA," which renders glasses needless. (Sheen reprised the role in "Major League II," released in 1994.)



Art imitates life for Charlie Sheen.

1991
'Hot Shots!': Lt. Topper Harley
In this "Top Gun" spoof, Sheen plays a pilot who is described as "talented but unstable." And how.

1997
'Loose Women': Barbie-Loving Bartender
Self-explanatory, no?

2000-2002
'Spin City': Charlie Crawford
Sheen replaced series star Michael J. Fox as the New York City deputy mayor — a slick, sarcastic and capable professional who later essentially regressed ...

2003-2011
'Two and a Half Men': Charlie Harper
... into Charlie Harper, the womanizer who became less and less distinguishable between sitcom character and tabloid-staple actor.

2012
'Anger Management': Charlie Goodson
Charlie Goodson is a reformed bad boy. As for a rehabilitated Charlie Sheen? We'll believe it when he stops using TMZ as his personal publicist.

TV watch list

▶ Louis C.K. stars in Louie, premiering tonight at 10:30 on FX.

FX

'Louie'

COMEDY. The funniest comedy on television — and in its last two seasons, consistently one of the best series on TV, period — returns as Louie breaks off a relationship. It's an awkward, painful situation for anyone; but in the hands of Louis C.K., the series' writer/director/star, the confrontation also plays out as a poignant life lesson. And, of course, it's hilarious. **Season premiere, 10:30 p.m., FX**

'Twenty Twelve'

DRAMA. Ah, bureaucracy. If we don't laugh at the hoops we're made to jump through, we'd be caught up in red tape crying. There's plenty to chuckle at in this mockumentary about the organizers of the Summer Olympics in London (the team includes "Downton Abbey" star Hugh Bonneville). But their efforts are hardly gold-medal worthy when, in tonight's premiere, they realize their grand Games countdown clock actually counts up. **Miniseries premiere, 9 p.m., BBC America** AMBER RAY

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3 Hot trends at the International Beauty Show

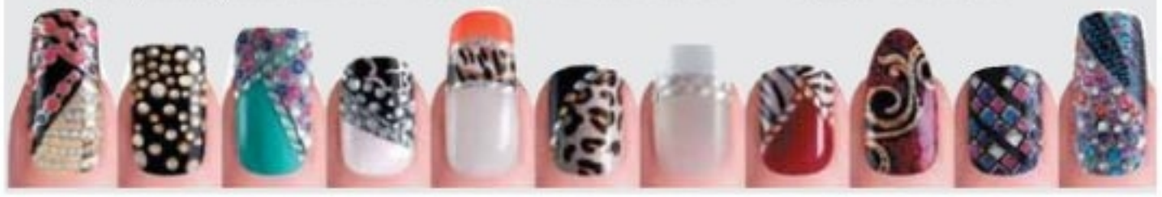
We asked Dana Lupton, who oversaw the 2012 expo, for her input on some of the coolest beauty fads

Trend No. 1

Nail appliques

Forget spending extra time at the salon while your manicurist paints on tiny flowers: Stick-on designs are the way of the future. "It's all about the bells and whistles that people are used to," Lupton says. "Nail care is an explosive vertical market right now in the beauty world."

One celeb fan is Christina Aguilera, who was spotted wearing Dashing Diva's DesignFX on her digits this season on "The Voice."



Trend No. 2

Hair chalk

The latest craze in temporary hair color easily washes out, so it's perfect when you're looking for a no-fuss dramatic shift. Just rub it on and mist with hair spray. "That's definitely one of the new buzz things that's going on," says Lupton.

Individual Hair Color Chalk, $8, www.haircolorchalk.com

Trend No. 3

Natural hair care

"People are worrying about what they're putting in their hair," Lupton says. "We're seeing people becoming more green and selective about the types of things that they'll use, and companies are answering to that." One line we like is Yarok: a totally vegan, botanical collection free of alcohol, parabens, sulfates and cruelty.

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About face

One dating website matches people according to the shapes of their mugs Why it's a time-tested method

It's not quite so strange when you really think about it: How many times have you looked at a couple and remarked that they could be brother and sister? Those strange similarities a couple can share are no coincidence. Genetically, we have been trained to seek out those who have a face similar to our own, says founder of FindYourFacemate.com, Christina Bloom.

"There's part of the brain that's just focused on processing faces. It's the fusiform gyri. It's so important that we have a special area in our brain for it," Bloom says. "If you think about human beings before we had language, or if you think about the way babies are — we learn things visually. That makes sense because that's how we mated. We just know what we like."

Bloom points to several examples of couples who have similar faces — Halle Berry and Olivier Martinez, and Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson, for instance. She believes that matching people by their face shapes will ultimately lead to better chemistry and, hopefully, better coupling.

"After meeting [a date], you think of, 'Wow, it's because of his or her great personality, that's why I like them.' Well no," she says. "You already saw his or her face, and you were interested because of his or her face."

Bloom says that the criteria for a good match comes in this descending order: chemistry, style, values and personality. That's why her website puts looks first and foremost. After uploading a photo, the site's algorithm analyzes 11 points on the face and matches it with others who share those traits. In the next three months, Bloom hopes to improve the algorithm by using 62 points on the face for more specialized matches.

To Bloom, the website is just helping us do what we already intuitively know how to do.

"I've been looking at couples for 20-plus years, and I just think it's innate," she says. "Basically, we're doing it without even knowing that we're doing it. I do not know how people don't see it."

▶ Olivier Martinez and Halle Berry

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▶ Rita Wilson and Tom Hanks

▶ Idina Menzel and Taye Diggs

▶ Nancy and Ronald Reagan

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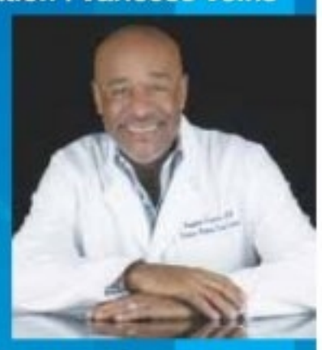

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Suffer a little now, benefit later

RE: "ECONOMY NEEDS MORE ATTENTION": During the housing bubble interest rates were pushed, and kept, too low for too long. This directed labor and resources into the housing market whether it was construction, house flipping, realtors, etc. When the artificial boom turned bust the economy attempted to correct itself by reallocating the misdirected resources from the bubble but our omnipotent benefactors in Washington and the Federal Reserve halted that process by bailing out banks and creating a stimulus bill. What we need is to allow interest rates to return to market levels. Yes, this would mean that we would fall into tougher economic times, for the moment, but we would come out of this mess with a more stable economy. No amount of stimulus can dig us out of recession; it will only sow the seeds for the next bubble to burst.

KELLY DONNOE, VIA E-MAIL

Obama will want grandma's flowers

RE: "PRESIDENT WANTS YOUR WEDDING GIFTS:" I was surprised to read your paper this morning to note that Obama is trying to collect as much money as he can. This is a new trick and is looking for a cash birthday present. He can go for marriage anniversary cash present, silver anniversary cash present, golden anniversary cash present. Oh I forgot, why not go for funeral cash present also?

Why do these people look for so much money to fight for elections? Can anybody inform the general public so we can know what they do with so much money?

DEVDUTT DAVE, VIA E-MAIL

Do they really know what they're asking?

Anticipating the round of cheers at the possible Supreme Court ruling that key elements of Obamacare (if not the entire law itself) are unconstitutional, consider what such a ruling will mean: private insurance companies can go back to denying coverage to anyone they dislike, raise premiums whenever they want, cut services as they wish, refuse to cover whatever their accountants can dispute, and continue to commit fraud with impunity. If that's the kind of world Obamacare opponents want for us all, I feel truly sorry for them and their families.

JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL

Issa has his own shady past

The Fast and Furious gun running investigation may have been a failure, but there is a curious irony in the related contempt of Congress vote against Attorney General Eric Holder by the Republican-led Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

The chair of that committee, Darrell Issa, has a criminal history of his own. In 1971 he was accused of stealing and abandoning a fellow soldier's car and later, in 1972 he was charged with stealing a Maserati. The case was later dismissed.

Also in 1972, police found him in possession of a concealed weapon. He pleaded to a lesser charge.

The high mindedness of this Republican legislator seems somewhat diminished by his shady past.

KEITH ERVIN, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Conditions in general look extremely favorable for you, with one exception: the management of your resources. If you're cautious in this area, everything will be fine.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Domestic issues should be given priority over all other mundane activities. Once you've met these obligations, go ahead and spend your time however you'd like.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** In matters where you allow your emotions to govern your behavior, you aren't apt to like the results. Conversely, in situations where you logically think things through, all should go well.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If there's something special that you want and have been hoping to find at a good price, do your shopping early.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Situations that you think through thoroughly and can personally control should work out rather well, as long as you haven't overlooked anything. Be sure to check the small details.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** You can be a compassionate person who is ready to be helpful whenever possible. If you get a chance to exercise these fine qualities, keep your good deeds to yourself.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Assess all developments logically, but also give credence to your intuitive insights. These innate perceptions could fill in the blank spots that your practical side misses.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** If you're involved with people who share your work world, it's OK to talk shop. However, it you try to do so with anybody else, you're likely to elicit a big fat yawn.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Activities that offer elements of friendly competition might be extremely appealing to you. The important thing is to engage in such with pals who enjoy the game for its own sake.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you find yourself in either a mentally or physically competitive situation, don't despair. You have a hefty reserve to draw upon that your opponent lacks.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** When negotiating an important contract, hold firm to your terms and don't jump at the first offer if it isn't to your liking. You'll get what you want if you don't look desperate.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** New knowledge that you've had a difficult time assimilating will be utilized to your advantage when, all of a sudden, the lights go on in your noggin.

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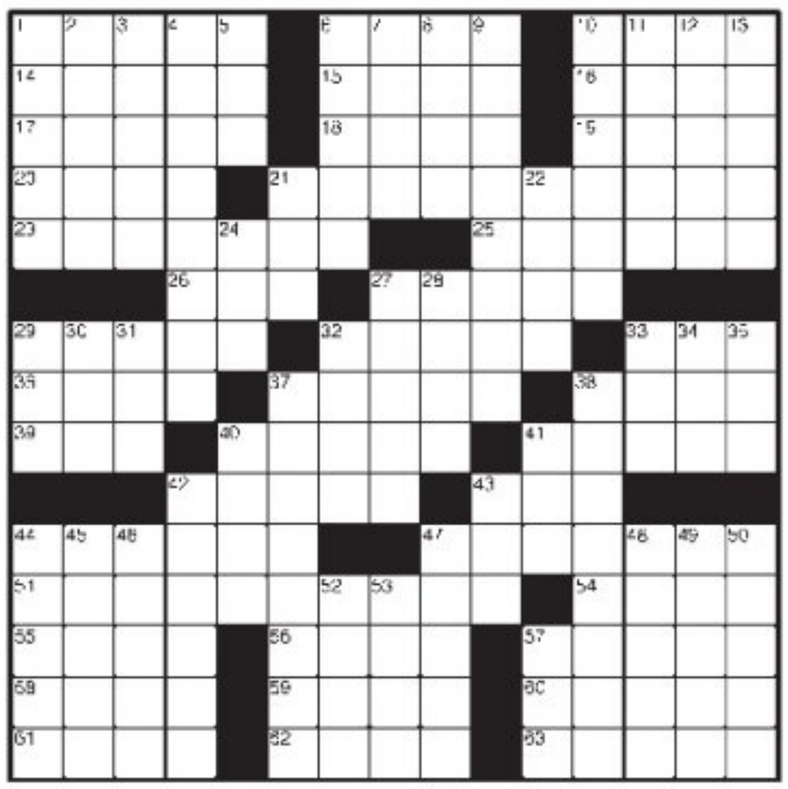

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OK, so we all know who is going to go No. 1 overall ◗ It is entirely likely Anthony Davis is the only franchise player in the NBA draft ◗ But there is a lot of depth to this intriguing class

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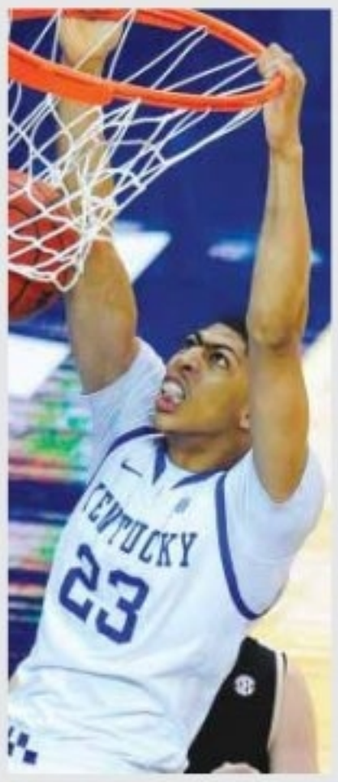

HORNETS (21-45)
PF Anthony Davis (Kentucky) — This is obviously a no-brainer, as Davis wrested control of the consensus No. 1 pick by midway through his freshman season. The Hornets won the jackpot — no conspiracy theories here — and will add the best defensive player to come out of college in a long time. He has a solid offensive game though too. He grew to 6-foot-11 late in life and has good ball skills because of it.

2

BOBCATS (7-59)
SF Harrison Barnes (UNC) — Makes sense on two levels, as the explosive Barnes has been personally scouted by UNC alum Michael Jordan and fills a scoring need.

3

WIZARDS (20-46)
SG Brad Beal (Florida) — Beal may be the purest scorer in the draft. The 6-foot-4 Beal has been compared favorably to Ray Allen for his ability to shoot from anywhere.

4

CAVALIERS (21-45)
PF Thomas Robinson (Kansas) — The Cavs will be thrilled Robinson fell to them, as the 6-foot-9 forward physically dominated opponents last year and is relentless around the rim.

5

KINGS (22-44)
SF Michael Kidd-Gilchrest (UK) — The 6-foot-7 Kidd-Gilchrist is extremely athletic and can guard multiple positions from bigger lead guards to smallish power forwards.

6

BLAZERS (28-38)
PF Andre Drummond (UConn) — There isn't a bigger boom-or-bust player in the draft, but Drummond's ceiling has been compared to Knicks forward Amar'e Stoudemire.

7

WARRIORS (23-43)
SG Dion Waiters ('Cuse) — The Warriors need to get bigger in the backcourt and this solid combo-guard possesses great athleticism. The 6-foot-4 Waiters can play off the ball.

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RAPTORS (23-43)
PG Austin Rivers (Duke) — This may be a little high for many people's liking, but Rivers possesses the skill-set that general manager Bryan Colangelo covets.

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PISTONS (25-41)
PF John Henson (UNC) — Although limited offensively, the extremely long Henson (6-foot-11) would finally give the Pistons a legit shot-blocking presence in the middle.

10

HORNETS (21-45)
PG Kendall Marshall (UNC) — Arguably the best "pure" point guard in the draft, Marshall would fill a void that was left behind following the Chris Paul trade.

11

BLAZERS (28-38)
PG Damian Lillard (Weber St.) — He's considered 1b after Marshall for best lead guard, as he's a prolific scorer with a good jumper. The 6-foot-3 Lillard is an aggressive playmaker.

12

ROCKETS (34-32)
C Meyers Leonard (Illinois) — He's arguably the safest bet at a long career of all the bigs in the draft, as the long and athletic Leonard would finally be a replacement for Yao Ming.

13

SUNS (33-33)
SG Jeremy Lamb (UConn) — Lamb is an explosive athlete with a crazy wingspan. He has great range out to the 3-point line and an explosive first step, but needs to bulk up.

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BUCKS (31-35)
C Tyler Zeller (UNC) — Acquired from Houston, he's a smart player with a great low-post presence and feel for the game. He'll help replace Andrew Bogut, who was traded last year.

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SIXERS (35-31)
PF Terrence Jones (UK) — Jones is an all-around player with decent range and prototypical size (6-foot-9, 252 pounds). His size affords him to defend multiple post positions.

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ROCKETS (34-32)
SF Terrence Ross (Minnesota) — At 6-foot-7, he's big enough to play either wing position. He has solid shooting form with a great first step and will offset the Chase Budinger trade.

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In the news

Spain first to punch ticket to Euro 2012 final

In another 0-0 tie through 120 minutes, Spain defeated archrival Portugal on penalty kicks, 4-2. Cesc Fabregas nailed the game-winner — a shot that ricocheted off the left post — for Spain, who was largely outplayed in the match. Meanwhile, Portuguese superstar Cristiano Ronaldo wasn't even included in the PKs and spit at a cameraman after the game. METRO

In the news

Shopping Gasol

The Lakers are reportedly shopping power forward Pau Gasol prior to tonight's draft.

ESPN reports Los Angeles is looking for a player and a lottery pick in return. Though they also reported the Lakers did not have a deal imminent.

Gasol averaged 17.4 points and 10.4 rebounds per game last season, but the Lakers were sent home in five games by the Thunder.

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▶ The crowd reaches over the dugout to greet Chase Utley after he smacked a solo home run in his first at-bat.

Welcome back: Utley goes yard in debut

◗ All-Star homers in first at-bat of 2012 ◗ Phillies fortunes changing? ◗ Howard also back at the Bank

The lineup card was posted early yesterday inside the Phillies' clubhouse: Jimmy Rollins, Juan Pierre, then … batting third and playing second base … Chase Utley.

Yes, the All-Star returned to a standing ovation, then — right on cue — deposited a home run into the right-field seats in his first at-bat of the season. Utley's blast gave the Phillies a 1-0 lead, which swelled to 2-0 a few pitches later when Carlos Ruiz hit his own solo shot. He also legged out an infield single and stroked another single into right field.

At press time, Utley was 3-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored. Charlie Manuel said he would keep Utley on the bench for today's 1:05 p.m. game against Pittsburgh.

"I want to keep it so that he feels good every day," the Phils skipper said.

And Ryan Howard was back at Citizens Bank Park, too. The hulking first baseman ran sprints in the outfield and took some cuts in the batting cage. If Howard doesn't experience any setbacks — and he clears all his testing — he could be back in the lineup in three weeks.

"Hitting-wise I don't feel any difference," Howard said before last night's game. "It's one of those things I don't even think about. I'm able to get up on the ball of my foot on my swing, on my follow-through. Swing-wise, I don't feel any difference. So to me, that's a nonfactor."

Howard is running with a slight limp and admitted that he still isn't 100 percent.

"You know, if it's 80, 85 percent, the only thing I can do is give you 100 percent of 85 percent," Howard said.

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▶ Ryan Howard could be back in three weeks.

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Sixers draft night plans a mystery

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Tonight's draft is one piece of the Sixers' offseason puzzle. As coach Doug Collins has said repeatedly, this team has some holes:

1 Scorer. With Lou Williams now an unrestricted free agent, Jodie Meeks a goner and Evan Turner proving to be more of a natural point guard, points are at a premium.

Natural scorers possibly available at No. 15 include athletic Washington swingman Terrence Ross and St. John's freshman Moe Harkless.

2 Post rebounder/defender. If the Sixers want, they can bring back a rapidly declining Elton Brand for the final season of his contract. They could also dump him via the amnesty clause or use his expiring contract as a trade chip. Spencer Hawes is also an unrestricted free agent that could command significant attention on the open market, thanks to his intriguing size and skill set.

Rugged post players possibly available at No. 15 include medical risk Jared Sullinger and rail-thin UNC product John Henson.

3 Talent. Simply put, the Sixers aren't nearly as talented as East rivals such as the Heat, Celtics, Bulls, Knicks or Pacers. They need a talent infusion at every position — except point guard.

If they choose to go with the best talent available at No. 15, possibilities include Baylor's Perry Jones III and Kentucky leader Terrence Jones.

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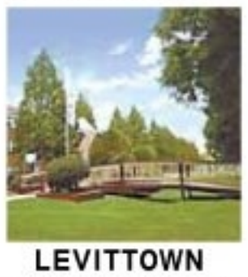

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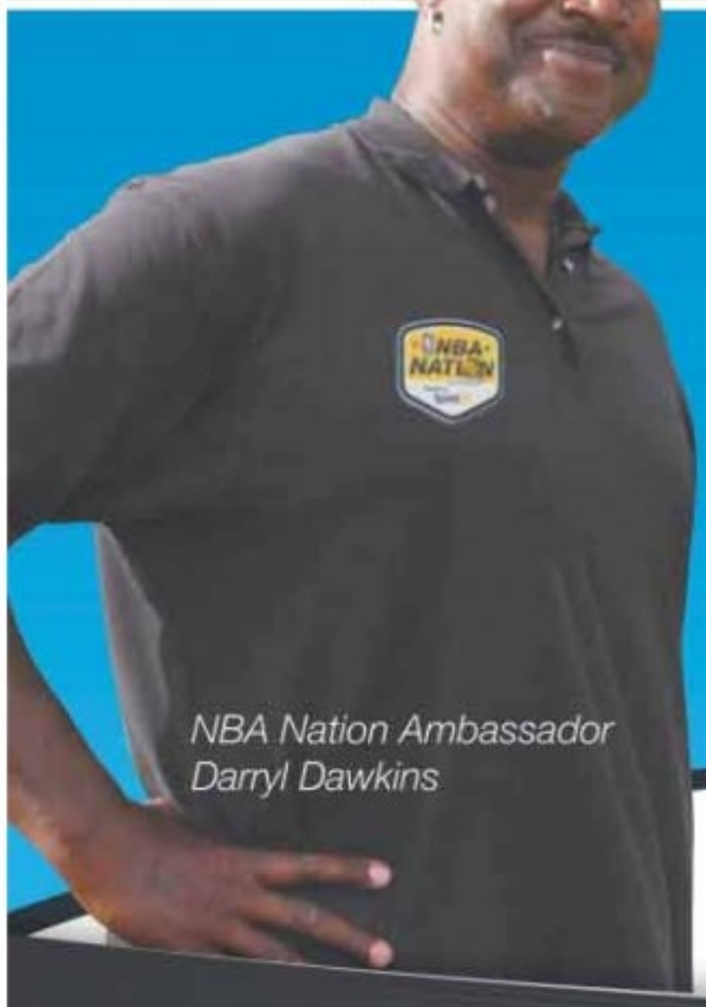

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